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SUBJ: REACTION OF US/ILO RELATIONSHIP AT ILO 8TH REGIONAL
CONFERENCE

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1. AS SUGGESTED REFTTEL, REACTION LOW KEY AND LARGELY
FROM IO STAFF. SOME EMPLOYERS REPS HAVE EXPRESSED
SUPPORT OF INTENTION TO WITHDRAW AS MEANS OF EXERTING
PRESSURE ON ILO MEMBER GOVTS AND ON ILO STAFF
TO MAINTAIN TRIPARTITE STRUCTURE OF ILO AND INFLUENCE
OF FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM IN ILO. WORKERS AND
GOVT REACTION CONSISTED MOSTLY OF FACTUAL INQUIRIES
ON STATE OF PLAY IN US. AS EXPECTED, ILO STAFF
(AT ALL LEVELS) UPSET BY REPORT THAT CONGRESS HAD NOT
ACTED ON APPROPRIATION WHICH WOULD PERMIT USG TO PAY
FIRST HALF OF C/Y 75 ASSESSMENT.

2. FRENCH AND INDIAN EMPLOYERS URGE USG HOLD LINE
ON ARTICLE SEVEN DURING FORTHCOMING STRUCTURE
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MEETING.

3. OTHERWISE, SIGNIFIANCE OF LOW-KEY REACTION
LIES MORE IN WHAT IN FACT HAPPENED AT CONFERENCE
AND IN WHAT WAS NOT SAID. ALTHOUGH ASIAN CONFERENCE
TYPICALLY LOW KEY, SUBTLE TO STRONG SUPPORT OF
US INTERESTS EVIDENT. SOVIET AND MONGOLIAN
SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS WERE NOT PASSED AND REMAINED
ONLY IN RESOLUTIONS WERE NOT PASSED AND REMAINED
ONLY IN RESIDUAL FORM AS LINE OR TWO IN OTHER
RESOLUTIONS (REPORTED SEPTTEL). CONFERENCE
RESOLUTIONS CONCERN SUBSTANTIVE AND TRADITIONAL ILO
INTERESTS. STRESS ON ACTION PROGRAMS BY US
EMPLOYEES, WORKERS AND GOVT SHOWED SERIOUS
US CONCERN FOR PROBLEMS IN LDC S. FRANK AND CLEAR
STATEMENTS BY USDEL APPARENTLY RAISED SOME DOUBT
THAT US IN FACTNLONTEMPLATING WITHDRAWAL; IF THIS
REACTION STICKS, POINT OF US GIVING NOTICE TO
WITHDRAW MAY BECOME CLEAR.
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